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SENATOR CUDABACK: E & R's.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 305.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion is to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 305. All in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend with FA1158. (Legislative Journal page 507.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on FA1158 to LB 305.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is an issue that I brought up during the discussion of LB 305 when it was before us on General File, and this is not new language that Senator Schrock had put in, but it is old language, but it is old language that I think should be addressed. And it is on page 3, line 4, it says, "The issuance of a hunting permit to anyone known to be physically or mentally unfit to carry or use firearms is prohibited." The word "unfit" really is not apropos in today's society, and I feel should be stricken. And the amendment would address this issue. And on that page 3, it would strike from the word "the" in line 4 through "prohibited" in line 6, and insert this language: "No hunting permit shall be issued to any person who is known to have a significant physical or mental disability and who is unable to safely carry and use a firearm because of such disability." I think it just cleans up that language and certainly would help those with any type of a disability and not use the word "unfit." That's all the amendment does. I would just ask for its passage.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. (Visitors introduced.) On with the discussion of FA1158, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I commend Senator Jensen for bringing this amendment to LB 305. And I would agree with him that the original language could be construed as being offensive by some people. What he has